

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

The claims have been amended by rewriting claims 1, 5, and 20. Claims 1-22 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

These remarks are in response to a Final Office Action dated December 19, 2003 and an Advisory Action dated March 29, 2004. In the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2003, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Rezaiifar et al. (USPN 6,526,030) in view of Cioffi et al. (USPN 5,838,799). In the Advisory Action dated March 29, 2004, the Examiner provided further guidance regarding the Final Office Action. Applicants gratefully appreciate the comments made in the Advisory Action and have amended the claims to reflect limitations noted in the Advisory Action.

Specifically, each independent claim has been amended to include the limitation “comprising a plurality of time slots.” Further, Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to include the limitation “wherein the first operating mode comprises a low power mode.” No new matter has been added by amending the claims with these two limitations. Support for the first limitation is exemplified at page 5, line 19 to page 6, line 14 and by FIG. 4 of Applicants’ specification. Support for the second limitation is exemplified by page 10, lines 17-20 and page 15, lines 17-19 of Applicants’ specification.

None of these limitations is taught or suggested by the prior art either alone or in combination. Thus, a prima facie case for unpatentability has not been made. Since a prima facie case of unpatentability has not been made, the rejection is believed to be improper and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in proper form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

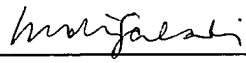
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